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LOSS OF CROP IN NORTH WESTERN STATES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether delayed monsoon this year has caused loss of kharif crop in the North-Western States;

(b) if so, whether these States have opted National Agricultural Insurance Scheme;

(c) if not, the reasons for not opting said scheme;

(d) whether central team has confirmed about severe drought in Anantapur District in Andhra Pradesh;

(e) if so, the action taken to assist for the loss of livelihood, cattle etc.; and

(f) the long term remedies explored to mitigate the drought?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)to(f): It is estimated that due to the current drought, the loss of foodgrains production during Kharif was of an order of 18.72%. Out of the drought affected States, Haryana, Punjab and Rajasthan have not so far opted for the National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS).

Central Teams visited drought affected areas in Andhra Pradesh including Anantapur for assessment of the situation. The Teams made over-all assessment for the State as a whole and not for individual Districts, which is the responsibility of the State Government. For the State of Andhra Pradesh, apart from release of the second instalment of the Central share of the Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) amounting to Rs.81.885 crore, 3 lakh MTs of Rice has also been allocated for relief work.